

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

March 28, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>

Dear Families,

Have you ever wondered what teachers do on Early Release Days? Here's one answer: at our last Professional Development Day most educators at the Elementary level learned about ways colleagues in other districts are engaging their students using 'project based learning' elements like voice, choice and technology. Ms. Hurley was inspired to try using some of the same tools at Coolidge. The results are now visible to all in the main hall.

Specifically, Ms. Hurley used QR codes and an application called Padlet on the ipad to facilitate a Science discussion on ocean life. You can see her students' responses by trying the code yourselves, here:



Next students will make scientific drawings to accompany their research. Ms. Hurley's hope is to use this experience to revise the second grade unit on Frogs and Toads. Our overall goal is to incorporate 21st century skills into more of our daily work.

Be sure to check out opportunities for parents and families to learn more about this new approach to teaching and learning:

- If you missed the panel discussion following the recent screening of *Most Likely to Succeed*, you can access it online [HERE!](#)
- **You're Invited:** Join the community on Tuesday, April 5th for an evening with Will Richardson (link to <http://willrichardson.com>) at 6:00pm at Shrewsbury High School. His discussion will address these questions:

What constitutes an education now that we can learn deeply in informal spaces outside the school walls? What are the new roles of teachers when content knowledge is everywhere? And how do we best prepare our students for the modern learning worlds in which they will live and work?

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Clouter

Principal

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 4 Report cards are issued.

April 5 Early Release - Half Day of School

April 8 Coolidge Spring Fling Fundraiser (details coming soon)

Link to some details:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/calendar/21508/1620809>

April 26, 27, 28 PARCC testing Grade, 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 PARCC testing Grade 4, English Language Arts

May 9-12 PARCC testing Grade 3, Math

May 16-19 PARCC testing Grade 4, Math

Note from the Nurse:

Now that Spring is here the children are coming to school wearing their spring outfits that include sandals or flip flops. When wearing shoes such as these, they run the risk of tripping and/or falling. School is an active place the children are running and playing in wood chips on the playground and in the grass on the field. Inside the school they are climbing stairs and participating in physical education and the sandals and flip flops are not safe. Children's feet need proper fitting shoes with instep support to fully develop into adult feet. So please keep the sandals and flip flops for the beach as intended!

**Thank you,
Katie Zimmermann RN**

COOLIDGE CLOTHESLINE

COOLIDGE PARENTS:

Do any of these articles of clothing look familiar? This is our Coolidge Lost & Found Clothesline. If you recognize any of your child's clothing or boots, please come in ASAP and bring them home. They are hanging on the clothesline across from the cafeteria.

Any articles not picked up by the end of Spring vacation will be donated

See photos of all clothing article on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool/>



APRIL VACATION CAMP

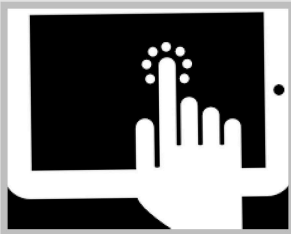
NEW! – Shrewsbury Public Schools Offers April Vacation Camp

Are you a 3rd or 4th grader interested in technology, music or web design? Join us during April vacation at Floral Street School for two different half-day classes where you will use iPads to tap into your creativity. The morning class will use “Garageband” to create and record music. The afternoon class is an introduction to web design.

Both classes will be taught by Ms. Tara Gauthier, an instructional technology specialist at Shrewsbury High. iPads will be provided and no previous experience with the iPad is needed. Class Dates: Tuesday April 19th - Friday, April 22nd.

You may register for just one of the classes, or choose both for a full day of fun. Enrollment is limited to 25 students so register now! Want more details - click [HERE](#) for a flyer. Questions? Contact Karen Isaacson, Director of Extended Learning.
<mailto:kisaacson@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us>

APRIL VACATION CAMP



GARAGEBAND 8:30AM – 11:30AM \$75	INTRODUCTION TO WEB DESIGN 12:00PM – 3:00PM \$75
Ever wonder what it would like to be, to be your own musician? In this class students will learn how to use GarageBand to create, play and record their own music.	Ever wonder what it would be like to create your own website? In this course students will learn about storyboarding, layout and design to create their own website.

After submitting your registration you will receive an email within 24 hours confirming your spot and giving you details on where to send your payment.

Full Day option: Students taking both classes will have a lunch break in school cafeteria from 11:30-12:00. Students must bring a lunch and drink from home. Click here to register - <http://goo.gl/forms/1XpUOSBEy6>

SSMA Rockin' Encore Fundraiser!

The Shrewsbury Schools Music and Theater Association is hosting a Rockin' Encore dance fundraiser on April 1 from 7-11pm at SAC Park on Lake Street in Shrewsbury

featuring the music of the band TENSION. There will be a silent auction, raffles, door prizes, food, and a cash bar. This is a 21 and older event. Tickets are \$20 at myssma.com and \$25 at the door. Thank you for supporting music and theater in our schools!

Community Awareness Forum on Opioid Crisis Sponsored by the Shrewsbury Coalition for Addiction Prevention & Education (SCAPE)

Join SCAPE for a forum on the opioid crisis on **Monday, April 11, 2016 at Shrewsbury High School, 64 Holden Street**. This event is free and open to the public. Visit the resource table from 7-7:30 and then join the panel members for a discussion from 7:30-9:00PM. See the flyer [HERE](#) for details regarding the event, panel members and co-sponsors of this discussion.

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO"

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. Yankee Candle Fundraiser- Order Pickup
2. PTO Meeting
3. Spring Fling

1. Yankee Candle ORDER PICKUP will be on April 8th at 4:30-7pm. Mark your calendars! If you cannot pick up your order, please make arrangements to have someone pick it up on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel at rachelreeve@yahoo.com.

2. PTO Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 6th at 7pm** in the Media Center. Mrs. Clouter will be sharing **information about the school's crisis response protocol**. We will **vote on next year's PTO board positions**, hear updates on our fundraisers and events, the enrichment program plans, and more. Please contact President Rachel Reeve (ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) with anything you want to discuss so it can be added to the agenda.

3. RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE SPRING FLING NOW

Spring Fling is our annual ice cream social event, complete with BINGO and amazing raffle baskets made possible by Coolidge families and local businesses. It is our biggest family event of the year, helping us to raise funds for enrichment programs such as field trips, author visits, STEM events, and much more. Flyers will be coming home in your child's backpack this week for you to reserve your spot for the Spring Fling. The event will be held on Friday, April 8th in the Coolidge gym. There are TWO seatings for this event. They are 5:30p-6:30p and 7:00p-8:00p. "Tickets" are \$5pp with a \$20 family cap. No actual tickets will be handed out, but your names will be added to our list. This event sells out quickly, so be sure to reserve your spot a.s.a.p.. We can't wait to see you there!

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com